

Initial Claims by County (all programs) - The number of claims submitted for all UI programs. Initial claims totals are not representative of the number of individuals filing as a claimant can have multiple initial claims.

County	January 2012	February 2012	March 2012	April 2012	May 2012	June 2012	July 2012	August 2012	September 2012	October 2012	November 2012	December 2012
ALAMEDA	20,729				,		,	9				
ALPINE	34											
AMADOR	606											
BUTTE	4,115											
CALAVERAS	911											
COLUSA	984											
CONTRA COSTA	14,544											
DEL NORTE	555											
EL DORADO	3,034											
FRESNO	22,779											
GLENN	740											
HUMBOLDT	2,268											
IMPERIAL	5,804											
INYO	286											
KERN	16,001											
KINGS	3,033											
LAKE	1,476											
LASSEN	586											
LOS ANGELES	137,869											
MADERA	3,056											
MARIN	2,167											
MARIPOSA	427											
MENDOCINO	1,491											
MERCED	7,078											
MODOC	213											
MONO	294											
MONTEREY	9,378											
NAPA	2,288											
NEVADA	1,507											
ORANGE	34,109											
PLACER	5,199											
PLUMAS	573											
RIVERSIDE	36,250											
SACRAMENTO	23,871											
SAN BENITO	1,423											
SAN BERNARDINO	34,694											
SAN DIEGO	43,517											
SAN FRANCISCO	10,962											
SAN JOAQUIN	15,248											
SAN LUIS OBISPO	3,157											
SAN MATEO	7,202											
SANTA BARBARA	5,159											
SANTA CLARA	20,902											
SANTA CRUZ	5,539											
SHASTA	4,557											
SIERRA	87											
SISKIYOU	1,280											
SOLANO	7,621											
SONOMA	7,492											
STANISLAUS	13,300											
SUTTER	2,631											
TEHAMA	1,356											
TRINITY	326											
TULARE	10,780											
TUOLUMNE	1,114											
VENTURA	11,780											
YOLO	3,393											
YUBA	1,672											
Total All Counties	579,447							+	+			

- Initial Claims by County The data provided is the number of Unemployment Insurance (UI) initial claim counts, which includes new claims, additional claims, and transitional claims.
- A "new claim" is the first claim for a benefit year period (e.g., for the regular UI program it is 52 weeks). An individual would only have one new claim during a benefit year period.
- An "additional claim" is when another claim is filed during the same benefit year and there is intervening work between the current claim and the previous claim. For example, an individual files a new claim, goes back to work, gets laid off and files another claim before the benefit year period of the first claim expires. An individual can have multiple additional claims during the same benefit year if the individual meets the eligibility requirements.
- A "transitional claim" is when a claimant is still collecting benefits at the end of their benefit year period and had sufficient wage earnings during that year to start up a new claim once the first benefit year period ends.
- The data by county represents the mailing address given by the claimant at the time of filing for UI. It is possible that an individual can reside in a different county than their mailing address. Also, this information does not represent the county where the individual worked. It is also possible that a claimant could have moved or changed their mailing address after filing for UI which would not be reflected here. Data for claimants residing outside of California but collecting benefits are not included in these figures nor are invalid addresses in California where a county cannot be determined.
- Initial claims does not represent total individuals as an individual can have multiple claims. For example, someone may begin collecting UI benefits, then go off UI to return to work, then get laid off and go back on UI. In this example, the individual would have two claim counts.
- Data includes the regular UI program and the federal extended benefit programs. The Federal extended benefit programs are:
- Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) Tier 1 California began paying benefits in July 2008.
- Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) Tier 2 California began paying benefits in January 2009, payments retroactive to November 2008.
- Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) Tier 3 California began paying benefits in December 2009, payments retroactive to November 2009.
- Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) Tier 4 California began paying benefits in January 2010, payments retroactive to December 2009.
- FED-ED California began paying benefits May 2009, payments retroactive to February 2009.